

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
March 21, 2012

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted March 21, 2012, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Dr. Kevin Stallard

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

Others Present

Byron Brentlinger, Board Inspector

Members Absent

Charlotte Whittaker
Dr. Gary Wortz
Melanie Abner, Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

With only two members present the Board did not have a quorum. Without a quorum they were unable to approve any material from the January meeting or any applications that have been submitted. They will go ahead and review these items and will vote on them at their rescheduled meeting.

Review of Financial Statements

The Financial Reports are informational only and will no longer need to be approved at Board Meetings.

O&P Report

There was no O&P report for the March meeting.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. West informed the Board there is an ongoing civil case against Funk E Fusion and he is currently working with their counsel towards a settlement. Chairman Smith informed Mr. West once this issue has been resolved he'd like the media to be aware of what has happened so that other businesses understand the severity of these illegal contact lens and won't attempt to sell them in their stores.

Ophthalmic Inspector Report

Mr. Brentlinger informed the Board of four inspections he had done over the last month. While the following stores were in compliance:

- Wal-Mart Vision Center - Frankfort, KY
- Costco - Louisville, KY
- Krebs Optical - Louisville, KY

The Eyeglass World in Louisville, KY on Shelbyville Road had an employee working the front counter alone. All though the licensed Optician was in the back and explained she was strictly doing data entry work, it looked as if she possibly could be dispensing at times and currently does not hold a license. Other than this one issue the store did seem to be in compliance.

Licensure Status Report

Ms. Lane informed the Board that ninety five Cease and Desist letters have gone out to licensees that did not renew in 2011. All have received a certified letter which explains they will now have to reinstate their license if they plan to continue working in the optical field. Several have already submitted reinstatement applications to the Board. As of March 21, 2012 there are now 141 Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispenser, 617 Active Ophthalmic Dispensers, and 101 Inactive Ophthalmic Dispensers.

Additional Business

Chairman Smith gave an update on the National Practical Exam. Several states are now using the exam and several more will begin the process in late Summer or early Fall. There are regulation changes currently being made to allow Kentucky to begin using the practical in that time frame.

Next Meeting

Since the Board has several items to approve they plan to reschedule and will meet once again on April 2, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

Adjournment

Members present were able to end the meeting at 11:00 a.m.



Granville Smith, Chairman